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To: Community Care for the Aged and Disabled (CCAD)

Primary Home Care (PHC) Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)

Information Letter No. 02-35 Revision to Form 3858

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) has revised Form 3858, Compliance Monitoring Guide for Contract Performance Standards (Primary Home Care Services Agencies), and Instructions. The revision will be effective in April 2003.

DHS staff will begin using the revised Form 3858 for monitoring visits conducted in April 2003, for the review period beginning in December 2002. DHS staff will continue to use the current version of Form 3858 through March 2003. The revised form and instructions attached to this letter will be posted in the online version of the *Community Care Provider Forms Manual* in April 2003.

Revisions to the form and each standard are summarized below.

Form Header/General

- All references to Review Month have been changed to Review Period. This applies to the Form and the Instructions.
- A space for the Client Name has been added to the top of Pages 2 4.
- A space for the Agency Name has been added to the top of Page 5.
- A Form Summary has been added to the bottom of Page 1. The Form Summary has been added to the Instructions.

Standard 1, Initial Health Assessment

- Texas Administrative Code (TAC) and/or Provider Manual references have been added to each item.
- Standard 1 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when the standard is applicable.
- Standard 1 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when each item is read.
- A line has been added between each Item for clarity.
- The Notes column has been reformatted to ensure notes are with the applicable Item.
- The notes for Item c have been moved from below the item to the Notes column. The notes are with the applicable item.
- A new note has been added in Item c regarding supervision. This note is based on CCAD Policy Clarification 02010.

Standard 2, Service Initiation

- TAC and/or Provider Manual references have been added to each item.
- Standard 2 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when the standard is applicable.
- Standard 2 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when each item is read.
- A line has been added between each Item for clarity.
- The Notes column has been reformatted to ensure notes are with the applicable Item
- The notes for Item c and e have been corrected.
- The note for Item f has been moved from below the item to the Notes column.

Standard 3, Ongoing Services

- TAC and/or Provider Manual references have been added to each item.
- Standard 3 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when the standard is applicable.
- Standard 3 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when each item is read. Specific Instructions for Items a, b and c have been added.
- A line has been added between each Item for clarity.
- The Notes column has been reformatted to ensure notes are with the applicable Item.
- The notes for Item a have been clarified and expanded.
- Additional space has been added in the notes for Items b and c for multiple attendants.

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Standard 4, Service Breaks

- TAC and/or Provider Manual references have been added to each item.
- Standard 4 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when the standard is applicable.
- Standard 4 and instructions have been clarified to better indicate when each item is read
- A line has been added between each Item for clarity.
- The Notes column has been reformatted to ensure notes are with the applicable ltem.
- Items a and b have been clarified to the use of service interruption and service break.

Standard 5, Complaints

- Standard 5 has been re-written to follow existing TAC. The new version of this standard is based on the version used in other Community Care program monitoring guides. TAC and/or Provider Manual references have been added to each item.
- The chart for complaints has been revised to provide space to document the information needed to appropriately mark Item c.
- The notes have been clarified to indicate the complaint must be sent to DHS, rather than specifying the contract manager. This is based on 40 Texas Administrative Code §49.14, Complaint Procedures.

Please contact your contract manager if you have any further questions regarding this information. Contract Managers should contact Sarah Hambrick at (512) 438-2578.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Becky Beechinor
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Long Term Care Services

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Attachments

COMPLIANCE MONITORING GUIDE FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (Primary Home Care Service Agencies)

Client Name					Medicaid No.	Review Per	iod	
Review Type	Service Family	, Cara		Drima	Status	nuitu	on-Priority	
Agency Name	Vendor No.	ly Care			ry Home Care Prio	egion IN	Date of Review	
						-9		
STANDARDS CRITERIA		YES	NO	N/A		NOTES		
STANDARD 1-Initial Health Assessment								
Was the initial assessment due or completed within and was this a non-emergency case?								
If YES, continue to Item a.								
If NO, mark Standard 1 N/A. Skip to Standard 2.a. Did the provider agency RN conduct an onsite h	nalth							
assessment using the Primary Home Care Healt Assessment/Individual Service Plan within 14 da referral date on Form 2101?	h ys of the				Referral Date		ssment Date th Assessment/Individual	
REFERENCE: 40 TAC §47.2902(d); Manual Section 5	5230				(Form 2101, Item 1):	,	ice Plan):	
If YES, mark Items b1 and b2 N/A. Skip to Item c.								
If NO, continue to Item b.								
b. If there was a delay in completing the health asset	essment:							
Was the caseworker notified of the reason fo Form 2067 within 14 days?					Form 2067 Signate	ure Date:		
2. Did the Form 2067 give the reason for the de	elay?				Reason for Delay:			
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2902(e); Manual Section	n 5230							
If either Item b1 or b2 is marked NO, Standard 1 is Continue to Item c.	s NOT MET.							
c. Did the RN develop an individualized plan of car includes the following areas:	e that							
An assessment of the client's health?								
2. Tasks, hours, and schedule for services to be	provided?				NOTE: Mark Item c2 NO if I Plan does not list specific ta		ment/Individual Service	
3. Frequency of supervisory visits?								
Whether an RN or someone who is not an RI supervise the attendant?					NOTE: An RN must supervision Licensed Home Health	se the client if	the license category is	
Is the individualized service plan agreed upo by the client/client's family and agency?					NOTE: Client/client's family a Service Plan on or before the			
REFERENCE: 40TAC 47.2902(f)(1)-(4); Manual Sc								
If any Item c1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 is marked NO, Standar MET.	d 1 IS NO I							
Continue to Item d.								
d. Did the provider agency request prior approval v					Referral Date (Form 2101, Item 1):		Meter/Stamp-In/ Carry Date:	
of the referral date or did the provider agency no caseworker about the reason for the delay within (postmark or Form 2067) (N/A for Family Care)	14 days?				·			
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2902(a)-(c); Manual Sectio	n 5220							
If Item d is marked NO, Standard 1 is NOT MET.		N.C	No-	A1/4	Form 2067 Signat	ure Date:		
		MET	NOT MET	N/A	Reason for Delay:			
STA	NDARD 1 IS:							

Form Summary: Standard 1: Standard 2: Standard 3: Standard 4:

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STANDARDS CRITERIA	YES	NO	N/A	NOTES
STANDARD 2-Service Initiation				
Were services initiated or should they have been initiated during				
the review period and was this a non-retroactive case?	Ш			
If YES, and this is a FAMILY CARE client, continue to Item a.				
If YES, and this is a PRIMARY HOME Care client, mark Item a				
and b N/A and continue to Item c.				
If NO, mark Standard 2 N/A. Skip to Standard 3				Defend Date Verbal
- 10 W				Referral Date Verbal (Form 2101, Item 1): OR Negotiation Date:
 Family Care: Were services initiated within 14 days of the referral date on Form 2101 (Item 1) or for verbal referrals, on the date negotiated with the caseworker? 				
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2905(a)(2) or (f)(3); Manual Section 5522 or 5330				First Day of Services (Service Delivery Record):
If YES, mark Items b, c, and d N/A. Skip to Item e.				` , <u> </u>
If NO, continue to Item b.				
b. Family Care: Was the caseworker notified of the delay via				
Form 2067 (or facsimile) within 14 days of the form date (date of completion) in Item 1, Form 2101?				Form 2067 Signature Date:
REFERENCE: Manual Section 5522				
If both Item a and b is marked NO, Standard 2 is NOT MET.				Reason for Delay:
Mark Items c and d N/A. Skip to Item e. c. Primary Home Care: Were services initiated within seven				
days of the beginning date of coverage on Form 2101 (Item 4); or for verbal referrals, on the date verbally negotiated with				Beginning Date of Coverage Verbal (Form 2101, Item 4): OR Negotiation/Approval Date:
the caseworker; or the date of the regional nurse's verbal approval if the initiation date is after the negotiated date?				
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2905(a)(1) or (f)(1)-(2); Manual Section 5522 or 5330				First Day of Services (Service Delivery Record):
If YES, mark Item d N/A. Skip to Item e.				(control bound),
If NO, continue to Item d.				
d. Primary Home Care: Was the caseworker notified of the				
delay via Form 2067 (or facsimile) by the eighth day after the date in Item 4 on Form 2101?				Form 2067 Signature Date:
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2905(d); Manual Section 5522				
If both Item c and d is marked NO, Standard 2 is NOT MET.				Reason for Delay:
Continue to Item e. e. Family Care or Primary Home Care: Within 14 days of				
beginning date of coverage, did the provider agency complete and return a Form 2101 indicating:				Item 1, Form 2101 Date (FC): Item 4, Form 2101 Date (PHC)
The date services were initiated?	П	П	П	
				Agency Response
2. The name of the attendant?				Date (Form 2101):
REFERENCE: 40TAC 47.2905(e); Manual Section 5530				
If either Item e1 or e2 is marked NO, Standard 2 is NOT MET				NOTE: If services were not initiated within the applicable time frame, and Form 2067 was sent timely to the caseworker, Item e is N/A.
Continue to Item f.				and Form 2007 was sent unlery to the caseworker, item e is N/A.
				NOTE: Mark Item F1 or F2 (as applicable) NO if the Attendant Orientation/Supervisory Visit form is not completed correctly.
f. Family Care or Primary Home Care:				Orientation/Supervisory visit form is not completed correctly.
 If a regular attendant was used to initiate services, was he oriented in the client's home on or before the first day he began to provide services to the client? 				First Day of Services (Attendant Orientation/Supervisory (Service Delivery Record): Visit):
2. If a special attendant was used to initiate services, was he				
oriented in the client's home, in the office or by telephone on or before the first day he began to provide services to the client?				
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2911; Manual Section 5550				1
If either Item f1 or f2 is marked NO, Standard 2 is NOT MET.				
	MET	NOT	N/A	
		MET		
STANDARD 2 is:				

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STANDARDS CRITERIA	YES	NO	N/A	A NOTES			
STANDARD 3-Ongoing Services				NOTE: Review Standard 3 for all cases in the review sample.			
				Date of Previous Visit (Attendant Orientation/Supervisory Visit):	Visit Frequency (Attendant Orientation/Supervisory Visit):		
Were supervisory visits performed within the schedule determined by the supervisor?							
NOTE: Review Item a for supervisory visits: completed during the review periodwith a due date during the review period; and				Date Next Visit is Due:	Date Visit Made:		
 with a due date before the review period that were not completed by the end of the review period 							
REFERENCE: Manual Section 5560 Continue to Item b.							
Was each regular attendant oriented in the client's home on or before the first day he began to provide services to the client?				Date Began to F Services Attendant Name: (Service Deliver	Orientation/Supervisory		
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2911(a)(1)-(3); Manual Section 5550							
Continue to Item c.							
c. Was each spec ial attendant oriented in the client's home, in the agency office, or by telephone on or before the first day he began to provide services to the client?				Date Began to F Services Special Attendant Name: (Service Deliver	Provide Date Oriented (Attendant Orientation/Supervisory v Record): Visit):		
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2911(a)-(b); Manual Section 5550							
Continue to Item d.							
d. Did the provider agency verbally notify the caseworker or staff in the caseworker's office about any change that may require an increase in hours or service termination?				NOTE: Only review for verbal contact awareness of the need for the change			
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2912(a); Manual Section 5591							
Continue to Item e.				Verbal Contact Date:			
e. Did the provider agency follow up the verbal notification in writing to the caseworker, using the Attendant				Verbal Contact Date:	Completion Date (Attendant Orientation/Supervisory Visit):		
Orientation/Supervisory Visitwithin seven days after verbal notification?							
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2912(a); Manual Section 5591 Continue to Item f.							
f. For 1929(b) cases with caseworker-initiated plan changes, did the agency forward to the regional nurse a copy of the				Receipt Date (Form 2101):	Completion Date (Attendant Orientation/Supervisory Visit & Form 2101):		
Attendant Orientation/Supervisory Visit and Form 2101 within seven days of receipt?							
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2912(b)(2); Manual Section 5592							
Continue to Item a.				Referral Date	PM/Meter/Stamp-In/		
 g. For 1929(b) prior-approval renewal cases, did the agency forward a copy of Form 2101 and the Attendant 				(Form 2101, Item 1)	Hand Carry Date		
Orientation/Supervisory Visit to the regional nurse within 14 days of the referral date (Item 1, Form 2101)?							
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2913(a); Manual Section 5620							
If ANY item under Standard 3 is NO, Standard 3 is NOT MET.	MET	NOT MET	N/A				
STANDARD 3 IS:	$ \Box $						
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STANDARDS CRITERIA	YES	NO	N/A	NOTES
STANDARD 4-Service Breaks				NOTE: Review Standard 4 for all cases in the review sample.
a. PRIORITY CLIENT: Is this a priority client?				
If YES, continue to Item a1.				
If NO, mark Item a1 N/A. Skip to Item b.				NOTE: Review the Service Delivery Record to determine if there is a service interruption for a priority one client. A service interruption
				occurs any time the client does not receive all authorized or
 Did the client receive all authorized or scheduled services? Each instance of less than scheduled hours, or no 				scheduled services.
services provided must have the reason for the				
interruption documented. Valid reasons are listed in (1-4) below:				
(1) For each interruption in services is the service				Document all service interruptions and make any notations as
interruption caused by circumstances described in				applicable. Indicate any days without valid documentation of service
§47.2914(a)-(b), Suspension of Services? REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2910(c)(1); Manual Section 5570				interruptions on a separate document. The separate document becomes part of the monitoring tool and must be attached.
(2) For each interruption in service, was the client not at				,
home when the attendant was scheduled to provide services?				Number of days with no service, and no valid
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2910(c)(2); Manual Section 5570				reason documented:
(3) For each interruption in service did the client				
request that services not be provided on (a) specific day(s)?				Number of days with less service, and no valid
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2910(c)(3); Manual Section 5570				reason documented:
(4) For each interruption in service, did the client				
agree to less than scheduled hours as documented in the record?				
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2910(c)(4); Manual Section 5570				
If item a1 is marked NO, and any instance of less than				
scheduled/no services provided during the entire review period does not have a reason documented, or the reason				
documented is not valid, Standard 4 is NOT MET.				
Continue to Item b.				
				NOTE: Review the Service Delivery Record to determine if there is a
				servic e break for a non-priority client. There is a service break if there are more than 14 calendar days from the first day missed.
				Start counting the first day services were scheduled to be provided but were not delivered as the first day missed. Another approval is
				not required when an approval has already been obtained and the
b. NON-PRIORITY CLIENT: Is this a non-priority client?				service break continues consecutively. Another approval is needed only if a service break occurs after services have been resumed.
b. Nov-1 Month Celeivi. Is this a horpholity dient:				only in a control of south cooling and recommend
If YES, continue to Item b1.				Note: If either item b1 or b2 is marked NO, enter the number of
If NO, mark Item b1 and b2 N/A.1. For each service break (interruption beyond 14 days), was				calendar days that services were not provided due to that reas on.
the service break caused by circumstances described in				Document any service breaks and make any
Suspension of Services, §47.2914(a)-(b)?	Ш		Ш	notations as applicable. Indicate any service breaks on a separate document. The separate
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2910(a)(2); Manual Section 5570				document becomes part of the monitoring tool and
Continue to Item b2. 2. For each service break (interruption beyond 14 days), was				must be attached.
verbal approval obtained for a service break extension				
beyond 14 days and then a written approval requested within seven days of the verbal approval?				Form 2067 Signature Date:
REFERENCE: 40TAC §47.2910(d); Manual Section 5570				
If either Item b1 or b2 is marked NO, Standard 4 is NOT MET.				
	MET	NOT	N/A	
		MET		
STANDARD 4 IS:	$ \Box $			NOTE: If Standard 4 is NOT MET, report patterns of non-delivery of scheduled services to the contract manager.
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	STANDARDS CRITERIA	YES	NO				NOTES		
STANDARD 5	-Complaints				NOTE: R	eview Standard	l 5 only once for	the provider a	agency.
and make manager? REFERENC If YES, contin	rovider agency maintain a log of the complaints review of complaints accessible to the contract E: 40TAC §49.14(3); Manual Section 2100 ue to Item b. rd 5 is NOT MET.								
	e complaints during the review period?ue to Item c.								
List all sample and non-sample clients that had complaints during the review period.									
	Client Name:	D Com	ate nplaint eived:	Inv I	Date restigation & Resolution Completed:	Investigated & Resolved Timely? (Y/N)	Date Submitted to DHS:	Submitted to DHS Timely (Y/N)	٦
									-
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NOTE: Investigated and resolved timely includes the client's initials on client-initiated complaints or witness's signature when the client refuses to sig REFERENCE:40TAC §49.14(5); Manual Section 2100 NOTE: Review Form 2067 Signature Date to determine if the provider agency submitted the resolution of the complaint to DHS timely.						s to sign			
c. Is there do	cumentation that the provider agency:								
workda	gated and resolved all of the complaints within five ays of receipt of the complaint?				If any Item in the above column " Investigated & Resolved Timely (Y/N)" is marked NO, mark Item c1 NO. If any Item in the above column " Submitted to DHS Timely? (Y/I				·
DHS w REFERENCE: If any complains sample client	ithin 30 days of receipt of the complaint?					IO, mark Item c			, , ,
NO; • If the fin Item c2	ndings are not reported timely to DHS, mark								
n ciaici iteiii (STANDARD 5 is:	MET	NOT MET		compliand separatel provider a	ce level for the py in the Finding	e findings for St provider age ncy s section of For s a corrective a d 5 is Not Met.	r. Report Stan m 3853. Requ	dard 5 findings uest that the

COMPLIANCE MONITORING GUIDE FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

PURPOSE

To serve as the primary document to record findings of standards compliance monitoring of Primary Home Care/Family Care (PHC/FC) providers.

PROCEDURE

When to Prepare

DHS staff who conduct the monitoring complete Form 3858 when reviewing a case.

Number of Copies

Complete one original.

Transmittal

DHS staff will retain the original for DHS records. A copy of the form is given to the provider agency only if requested during or after the exit conference.

Form Retention

Retain this form according to the terms in the *Primary Home Care Provider Manual*.

Supply Source

This form must be printed from the electronic version of the *Community Care Provider Forms Manual*.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

Client Name— Enter the name of the client whose case is reviewed. This item also appears at the top of Pages 2 - 4.

Medicaid No. — Enter the Medicaid recipient number of the client whose case is reviewed.

Review Period— Enter the month(s) and year(s) you are reviewing.

Review Type — Mark the appropriate box for the type of review you are conducting: Formal, or Follow-Up.

Service — Mark the appropriate box for the type of service (Item 23a, Form 2101, Authorization for Community Care Services).

Priority — Mark the appropriate box for the priority level (Item 10, Form 2101, Authorization for Community Care Services):

Priority – If, during the review period, the participant was assigned a priority status (Code 2); or

Non-Priority – If, during the review period, the participant was assigned a non-priority status (Code 1).

Agency Name — Enter the name of the provider agency reviewed. This item also appears at the top of Page 5.

Vendor No. — Enter the vendor number of the provider agency reviewed.

Monitor — Enter the name of the DHS staff who does the review.

Region — Enter the number of the region to which the provider agency is assigned.

Date of Review — Enter the date the review is conducted.

Form Summary — Enter the overall compliance for each Standard as Met, Not Met or N/A (Not Applicable).

Standard 1, Initial Health Assessment — Apply Standard 1 to cases in which the initial assessment was due or done during the review period. Review all cases in which the 14th day from the referral date (Item 1, Form 2101, Authorization for Community Care Services) falls in the review period, regardless of when the assessment was completed. Review only one month prior to the review period, however, to determine whether the initial assessment was done within 14 calendar days of the referral date (Item 1 on Form 2101.)

This standard does not apply to transfer cases.

For each Item a through d:

- mark Yes, No, or N/A (Not Applicable); and
- enter appropriate comments in the Notes section.

Review all Items, a - d, even if one Item causes the overall Standard to be Not Met. This is to ensure compliance with all rules.

Below Item d, indicate whether Standard 1 is Met, Not Met, or N/A (Not Applicable).

Standard 2, Service Initiation — Apply Standard 2 to cases in which services should have been initiated or were initiated during the review period. Review all cases in which the service initiation due date (7th or 14th day, as applicable) falls in the review period, regardless of when services were initiated. Review only one month prior to the review period, however, to determine whether services were initiated timely or the reason for delay was documented.

This standard does not apply to transfer cases.

For each Item a through f:

- mark Yes, No, or N/A (Not Applicable); and
- enter appropriate comments in the Notes section.

Review all Items, a - f, even if one Item causes the overall Standard to be Not Met. This is to ensure compliance with all rules.

Below Item f, indicate whether Standard 2 is Met, Not Met, or N/A (Not Applicable).

Standard 3, Ongoing Services — Apply Standard 3 to all cases in the review sample. Review prior to the review period, if needed, to determine whether the required timeframes were met.

Item a — The supervisory visit must be done on or before the last day of the month the visit is due. The assigned supervisor sets the visit frequency for PHC/FC clients. The assigned supervisor may be an RN, or someone who is not an RN. An RN must supervise the client if the license category is Licensed Home Health.

Use the following to determine if Item a is applicable:

"Was a visit completed during the review period?" If the answer is "yes", then always review Item a. The contract manager must follow these steps to determine if Item a is Met or Not Met:

• Determine the date of the previous supervisory visit (look as far back as necessary to find the previous supervisory visit).

- Determine the visit frequency indicated on the previous supervisory visit.
- Determine the due date for the next supervisory visit (based on the previous supervisory visit and the visit frequency).
- Determine if the supervisory visit completed during review period was completed on or before the due date for the next visit.

If the supervisory visit was completed on or before the due date for the next supervisory visit mark Item a Yes. If the supervisory visit was not completed on or before the due date for the next supervisory visit mark Item a No.

"Was a visit completed during the review period?" If the answer is "no", then review Item a only if applicable. The contract manager must follow these steps to determine if Item a is Not Applicable or Not Met.

- Determine the date of the previous supervisory visit (look as far back as necessary to find the previous supervisory visit).
- Determine the visit frequency indicated on the previous supervisory visit.
- Determine the due date for the next supervisory visit (based on the previous supervisory visit and the visit frequency).
- Determine if the due date for the next supervisory visit is on or before the last day of the review period.

If the due date for the next supervisory visit is on or before the last day of the review period mark Item a No (regardless of how far before the review period the due date is). If the due date for the next supervisory visit is after the last day of the review period mark Item a N/A (Not Applicable). The provider agency still has time after the review period to complete the supervisory visit before the due date.

Item b and c — A regular attendant must be oriented in the client's home on or before the first day he begins to provide services to the client. A special attendant must be oriented in the client's home, in the provider agency office, or by telephone on or before the first day he begins to provide services to the client.

A regular attendant may stop working for a client, and then return to work for that client at a later date. A special attendant usually stops and starts working for a client several times. The assigned supervisor is required to re-orient a regular or special attendant if there have been any changes to the client's condition or service plan since the last date he worked for the

client. If there have been no changes to the client's condition or service plan since the last date the attendant worked for the client, the assigned supervisor is not required to re-orient a regular or special attendant. The assigned supervisor may re-orient any attendant if they determine it is necessary.

For each Item a through g:

- mark Yes, No, or N/A (Not Applicable); and
- enter appropriate comments in the Notes section.

Review all Items, a - g, even if one Item causes the overall Standard to be Not Met. This is to ensure compliance with all rules.

Below Item g, indicate whether Standard 3 is Met, Not Met, or N/A (Not Applicable).

Standard 4, Service Breaks — Apply Standard 4 to all cases in the review sample. Review the month prior to the review period, if needed, to determine whether the required timeframes were met.

Item a — Review Item a for all Priority clients. An interruption occurs for Priority clients when the client does not receive all authorized/scheduled services. Review the service delivery records to determine if there were any interruptions. Review the documentation in the casefile to determine the reason for every interruption.

If item a is marked NO, and any instance of less than scheduled service/no service provided during the entire review period does not have a reason documented, or the reason documented is not valid, Standard 4 is NOT MET.

Item b — Review Item b for all Non-Priority clients. Review the service delivery records to determine if there were any service breaks. A service break occurs for non-priority clients if there are more than 14 calendar days from the first day missed. Start counting the first day services were scheduled to be provided but were not delivered as the first day missed.

Review the documentation in the casefile to determine if each service break was verbally approved by the caseworker, and written approval obtained within seven days of the verbal approval. Another approval is not required when an approval has already been obtained and the service break continues consecutively. Another approval is needed only if a service break occurs after services have been resumed.

For Item a and b:

- mark Yes, No, or N/A (Not Applicable); and
- enter appropriate comments in the Notes section.

Below Item B, indicate whether Standard 4 is Met, Not Met, or N/A (Not Applicable).

Standard 5, Complaints — Complete Standard 5 only once for each provider agency.

Item a — Mark Item a Yes or No, depending on whether the provider agency has a log for complaints. If the provider agency does not have a complaint log, mark Item a No.

Below Item c, indicate whether Standard 5 is Met or Not Met.

Report findings of Standard 5 separately from the other standards. Document the results in the findings section of Form 3853, Provider Agency Evaluation Summary. Request that the provider agency develop a corrective action plan if compliance with Standard 5 is Not Met